

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 598

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. William Roy Thompson upon his receipt of the Academy of General Dentistry's Humanitarian of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those professionals who, throughout their years of industry, have shone as beacons of dedication and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Roy Thompson of Murfreesboro is one such intrepid individual who, in fitting recognition of his myriad contributions to his profession, his community, and this nation, will be given the Academy of General Dentistry's Humanitarian of the Year Award at the 2014 Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Annual Meeting, which this year will be held in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, each year, the AGD gives its Humanitarian of the Year Award to a member who stands as an exemplary member of the dental profession and the community; is known to possess the traits of kindness, charity, thoughtfulness, compassion, dedication, and efficiency, among others; exhibits a sense of responsibility toward the wellbeing of mankind; and brings honor to the dental profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson is a fitting recipient of the award, as he is a sterling individual who has dedicated himself to his profession and to serving others; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Northwest High School in Clarksville, Dr. Thompson attended Austin Peay State University, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry before matriculating to the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in Memphis, where, in 1978, he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of continuing education, Dr. Thompson has accumulated more than 2,000 hours of continuing education credit since 1978 and has participated in a number of professional and leadership training workshops. In 1992, he became a Fellow of the AGD, in 2007, he was named a Master in that august organization, and, in 2010, he participated in the Misch International Implant Institute Prosthetic and Surgical Continuum; and

WHEREAS, since 1978, Dr. Thompson has practiced dentistry in Murfreesboro, where he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and patients for the quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he has dedicated nearly thirty years to providing general dental care for the children residing in a local foster home; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the Fourth District Dental Society, the Tennessee Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the AGD, the American College of Dentists, the International Society of Dentists, and the Murfreesboro Dental Society, and has lent his valuable leadership qualities to a number of positions within those organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has also volunteered his time and efforts to the Tennessee Technology Center of Murfreesboro's Advisory Committee, the Delta Dental Plan of Tennessee's Advisory Committee, the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, the Nashville Interfaith Dental Clinic, the Rutherford County Nursing Home, and Donated Dental Services of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a leader within his community, Dr. Thompson has served as a member of a number of community and civic organizations, including the Murfreesboro Kiwanis Club, United Way of Rutherford County, the Rutherford County Red Cross Disaster Team, several parent teacher associations, the Rutherford County Center for the Arts, the Optimist Club Little League, and the Murfreesboro Noon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, he is also no stranger to awards and accolades. Throughout his storied career, Dr. Thompson has garnered the AGD Fellowship Award, the Tennessee Dental Association Fellowship Award, the Tennessee Academy of General Dentistry Dentist of the Year Award, and the Mary Catherine Strobel Awards Volunteer Innovator of the Year award, among many, many others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson is a devout member of the North Boulevard Church of Christ, where he has rendered sterling service as a Sunday school teacher, a member and chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, a member of the Foundations of Tomorrow Capital Campaign Committee, and a Boy Scout Merit Badge teacher; and

WHEREAS, he is also devoted to family values of the highest order, and is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Margrey, and his children, Heather, Dylan, and Molly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Roy Thompson has long stood as an example of excellence and dedication within his profession and his community, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognizes him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Dr. William Roy Thompson upon his receipt of the Academy of General Dentistry's Humanitarian of the Year Award, extending our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.